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Dear Jack,

Thank you for sending me the results of your deliberations on the implications for donors of anti-HCV testing. It is a very difficult problem as you infer with the current lack of knowledge.

I think that it is important that we interact and define a common policy for the U.K. My intention in this regard was to wait for the Department of Health to give the go ahead for routine screening and shortly afterwards convene a meeting of the UK Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Diseases to define a policy for counselling donors. John Cash, Ruthven Mitchell and Eddie Follett are the Scottish representatives on this Committee.

I am not sure when the decision by DOH will be taken, but it should be towards the end of November. I will be very happy to invite you to our meeting if you would like to come and speak to your paper.

Please let me know.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

H.H. GUNSON
National Director

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